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THE INFORMER

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

120 North LaFayette Street

Shelby, N. C.

REV. GENE L. WATTERSON, Pastor

ROLAND LEATH, Education-Assistant Pastor

VAN H. RAMSEY, Minister of Music

MEL DOUGHTY, Minister of Youth

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THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

is utterly impossible to overestimate the value of a good beginning and the well-afforded the Watterson family evinces the fact that in the grace of good beginning this church is unexcelled. I refer not to the massive crowd in the morning hip hour (Where were you in the morning?) but also to the hospitality extended in the gifts of food, practical helps, friendship. I know this is but an intimation of the basic Christian spirit of congregation, but my, oh my what a people!

You have done the best that could be in the gathering of a great staff, for which I am deeply grateful. The evident respect for ability and personal love for the talented individuals which you have shown is significant of the fact that God has answered your prayers in sending leadership to this great church.

The best is yet to be because God has put things in store for us. With a warm, precious, committed congregation, a dedicated and talented staff, and a mighty God, cannot fail to win great victories.

Prayer is the cornerstone of it all. The tremendous task that faces us of fulfilling God's purpose for this great church demands that we all pray earnestly, continually, and fervently. I covet your prayers for me, for the staff, for the leadership of church, for the whole congregation that under the Lordship of Christ we may march out boldly and win this city to Him.

Join your fellow members in worship, Saturday - P.M. and Wednesday. Let's fill the church with our presence, our hearts with love, and our mouths with His message.

See you Sunday—1200 strong!

Large Attendance For Pastor's First Sunday

A very large congregation heard our pastor's first sermon Sunday morning. The people were "packed" into the pews and extra chairs had to be set for the overflow crowd. The evening attendance was very encouraging.

What a delight it is to have Gene Watterson in the pulpit and leading us as pastor. Surely everyone of us will pray daily for our pastor and will in everyway cooperate with him as he directs us. Make it a point to get acquainted with him personally just as soon as possible.

Having a real "pastor's heart", he is ready and willing to enter into your experiences when you need him. Let us pray for each other and strive to see that our church fulfills its mission here and to the ends of the earth.

Youth Groups On Special Tours

A choir of young people and a drama group from our youth will be on tour next week. The Senior High Choir under the direction of Mr. Van H. Ramsey will leave Saturday, August 2 for their concert tour through the southern states. They will return and give their home concert Sunday night, August 10.

The drama group directed by Mel Doughty will leave Sunday for Glorieta, New Mexico, where they will be a featured group throughout the week.

We are thankful for our music and youth ministers and we pledge to them and our youth our prayers while they are on their tours.

Thanks To And From C. O. Greene

We express our sincere thanks to C. O. Greene for his timely messages during the period we were without a pastor. Mr. Greene asked that we express to you his appreciation for the many cards and letters he has received and also for the gift the church presented to him. Certainly he "bridged the gap" for us in a marvelous way.

Heck-Jones Offering

Our total to date for the Heck-Jones Offering is \$706.98. Our W. M. U. goal is \$1000.00, therefore we are approximately 293.00 short of this goal. If your group needs envelopes, please contact us.

SERVICES FOR THIS SUNDAY

11:00—Rev. Gene L. Watterson

7:30—Rev. Gene L. Watterson

11:00 and 7:30 services broadcast over WOHS-FM

11:00 service broadcast over WADA second and third Sundays